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SUBJECT: ROC-MIDDLE EAST CARGO ASSIGNMENT

REF: (A) STATE 098802, (B) TAIPEI 2343 (C) 77 STATE 51887

1. BOARD OF FOREIGN TRADE (BOFT) HAS NOT RESPONDED TO REPEATED EMBASSY REQUESTS FOR OFFICIAL COPY OF MEASURE ASSIGNING MIDDLE-EAST-BOUND CARGO. LOWER-LEVEL BOFT OFFICIALS, UNDER PRESSURE FROM SHIPPING FIRMS AND PROBABLY OTHER FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS BY THIS TIME, HAVE BUCKED OUR QUERY TO DIRECTOR GENERAL H.K. SHAO. TEXT APPEARING IN CHINESE PRESS IS BELIEVED TO BE REASONABLY ACCURATE AND QUITE POSSIBLY VERBATIM. WHEN OFFICIAL TEXT BECOMES AVAILABLE EITHER FROM BOFT OR FROM PRIVATE SOURCE WHICH HAS PROMISED COPY, WILL REPORT ANY SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCE. NEWSPAPER TEXT FOLLOWS: QUOTE: DATE: APRIL 12, 1978, REF NO. MAO(67)-5-FA-8946 MAIN PURPOSE: HEREBY STIPULATED ARE REGULATIONS GOVERNING SHIPPING FOR EXPORTS IN ORDER TO MATCH THE OPENING OF SHIPPING LINES TO THE RED SEA AND THE PERSIAN GULF.

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REF: RESOLUTION OF THE MEETING OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE TO SOLVE MIDDLE EAST SHIPPING DISPUTES ORGANIZED UNDER THE MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS. ANNOUNCEMENT:

1. ALL COMMODITIES, EXCEPT UNDER CONDITIONS PRESCRIBED IN FOLLOWING ITEMS 3,4, AND 5, TO BE EXPORTED BY SEA

TO JIDDA, ACABA, DUBAI, DAHMAN AND KUWAIT PORTS IN MIDDLE EAST SHALL BE ENTRUSTED TO VESSELS BELONGING TO MEMBERS OF THE MIDDLE EAST REGULAR SHIPPING LINE CONFERENCE FOR SHIPPING.

AUTHORIZED BANKS SHALL REVIEW APPLICATIONS AND ISSUE VISAS FOR SUCH EXPORTS.

2. COMMODITIES TO BE EXPORTED TO NONE OF THE ABOVE FIVE PORTS SHALL NOT BE SUBJECT TO THE ABOVE REGULATION. AUTHORIZED BANKS SHALL FOLLOW ORDINARY PROCEDURES TO REVIEW APPLICATIONS AND ISSUE VISAS FOR EXPORTS OF THIS KIND.

3. IF COMMODITIES TO BE EXPORTED ARE REQUIRED TO BE REFRIGERATED, FROZEN, CONTAINERIZED OR CARRIED BY VESSELS OF IMPORTING COUNTRIES, THE SHIPPING ENTRUSTOR SHALL EXPLICITLY DECLARE THE NAME OF CARRYING VESSEL AND ITS CHARACTERISTICS (SUCH AS, REFRIGERATED, FROZEN, CONTAINERIZED, OR OF IMPORTING COUNTRIES) WITH AUTHORIZED BANKS FOR REVIEW AND ISSUANCE OF VISAS. THE NAVIGATION DEPARTMENT OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS SHALL INFORM CONCERNED NAVIGATION AUTHORITIES TO CHECK INTO THE DECLARED INFORMATION. IN CASE THE DECLARED INFORMATION IS FOUND FALSE, THE SHIPPING ENTRUSTOR AND THE SHIPPING AGENT SHALL RESPECTIVELY BE PUNISHED BY THE BOARD OF FOREIGN TRADE OF MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AFFAIRS AND BY THE NAVIGATION DEPARTMENT OF MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AS FOLLOWS: A. FOR SHIPPING ENTRUSTOR, IF THE DECLARED INFORMATION IS FALSE, THE PRIVILEGE OF APPLICATION FOR IMPORTS AND EXPORTS SHALL BE SUSPENDED BY THE BOARD FOR FOREIGN TRADE FOR THREE MONTHS FOR THE FIRST VIOLATION; FOR SIX MONTHS FOR THE SECOND VIOLATION. THE IMPORTER AND EXPORTER REGISTRATION (LICENSE) SHALL BE REVOKED PERMANENTLY AFTER THE THIRD VIOLATION. B. FOR SHIPPING AGENTS, IF THE DECLARED INFORMATION IS FALSE, THE BUSINESS OPERATION OF THE AGENT SHALL BE STOPPED BY THE NAVIGATION DEPARTMENT OF MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS FOR THREE MONTHS FOR THE FIRST VIOLATION AND THE BUSINESS REGISTRATION (LICENSE) SHALL BE REVOKED PERMANENTLY FOR THE SECOND.

4. IN CASES WHERE FOREIGN BUYERS ARRANGE OR DESIGNATE BY THEMSELVES THE MERCHANT SHIP, THE SHIPPING OF COMMODITIES INVOLVED IS NOT SUBJECT TO THE RESTRICTION THAT REQUIRES CARGO TO BE CARRIED BY REGULAR LINE VESSELS OF THE MIDDLE EAST REGULAR SHIPPING LINE CONFERENCE.

5. IN CASE COMMODITIES ARE TOO LARGE OR TOO HEAVY
TO BE CARRIED BY THE REGULAR LINE VESSELS OF THE MIDDLE
EAST REGULAR SHIPPING LINE CONFERENCE, THE SHIPPING
ENTRUSTOR SHALL DECLARE THIS TO THE NAVIGATION
DEPARTMENT OF MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS BEFOREHAND.
AFTER THE DECLARED INFORMATION IS PROVED TRUE AND
DOCUMENTS HAVE BEEN APPROVED THE SHIPPING ENTRUSTOR CAN
PROCEED TO APPLY WITH AUTHORIZED BANKS FOR REVIEW AND
EXPORT VISA DOCUMENTS.

6. THE MIDDLE EAST REGULAR SHIPPING LINE CONFERENCE
SHALL REPORT TO THE NAVIGATION DEPARTMENT OF MINISTRY
OF COMMUNICATIONS FOR APPROVAL AND RECORDING, THREE
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MONTHS BEFORE MERCHANT SHIPS DEPART, THE NAMES OF
VESSELS, SHIPPING LINE AND SHIPPING SCHEDULES AND RELE-
VANT INFORMATION, WHICH SHALL THEN BE ANNOUNCED TO
PUBLIC.

7. WHEN SHIPPING AGENTS PLACE ADVERTISEMENTS CONCERNING

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SHIPPING SCHEDULES, THE ADVERTISEMENTS SHALL ALSO CARRY
OUT THE APPROVAL NUMBER OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS.

8. THIS ANNOUNCEMENT SHALL BE EFFECTIVE ON
APRIL 17, 1978.

2. EMBASSY WOULD PREFER NOT TO MAKE FORMAL REPRESENTATION TO GROC WHILE SITUATION REMAINS UNCLEAR. OF COURSE, IF MATERIAL AND PROVABLE DAMAGE OCCURS, SUCH AS REFUSAL TO PERMIT CONTAINERIZATION OF LESS-THAN-FULL CONTAINER SHIPMENTS WHICH OTHERWISE WOULD HAVE BEEN SHIPPED BY AMERICAN CARRIERS, EMBASSY WILL ACT IN ACCORDANCE WITH INSTRUCTIONS STATE 98802. WE IN ANY CASE CONTINUE TO INFORMALLY EXPRESS OUR CONCERN THAT ANY NEW MEASURE OR INTERPRETATIONS OF MEASURES NOT BE DISCRIMINATORY AND POINT OUT LIKELIHOOD OF RETALIATION SHOULD SUCH DISCRIMINATION ADVERSELY AFFECT AMERICAN FLAG CARRIERS.

3. REPORT ON RELATED DEVELOPMENTS WILL FOLLOWS SEPTEL.
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